



Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish—Stafford

A Parish of the Brisbane North West Deanery

Vision: "To follow the example of Jesus by serving others."

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 11th -12th November 2023



*The Second Sunday of November is our **PARISH FEAST DAY!***

We give thanks to God for all God has done for us through the gifts of Parishioners past and present. We honour God as we remember Mary as "Queen of Apostles". She has given us an example of how to be disciples in response to the call

"To follow the example of Jesus in word, deed and service."

THANK YOU & RETIREMENT Dinner for FR DENIS

What a great night! We had a wonderful opportunity to come together to express our gratitude to Denis for his many years of service within the Archdiocese of Brisbane and, in particular, for his time at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles. We were delighted that his family could join in our celebrations and hear our recollections on the gift he has been to us. We hope that our present will assist him in settling comfortably into his new accommodation in 2024. Thank you to the organisers who made this evening such an enjoyable event.



The word "eucharistein" is the Greek word used in the scriptures which means "to give thanks" and was applied to what we now call "The Eucharist". When we become a grateful people, we implicitly recognise God's presence as the source of all our gifts and God's faithfulness even when all is falling apart. For Christians, sharing a meal is the centre of our life—it's where we recognise our need for each other and the gift of always-needed food to share—here Christ is. My "retirement" dinner was such an event.

Thanks to all who were present (and wanted to be present). Thanks to Kev's chairmanship and "Dad" jokes! To James leading the "give us a word to describe him" session, to Helen and the PMC always leading our parish, to Michael who kept the computer going, to those who donated tickets so that some of our asylum seekers could attend, to the decorators and balloon "blower-upperers", to singing Grace and her song, to all who have contributed to my gift (which I will use to buy furniture). Thanks especially to Maria and her committee who brought us together and ensured the night would be reflective of our parish—hospitable, gathered, generous, faith-filled and "homely". For a Diocesan Priest like myself, the parish community is our family—Stafford has been a wonderful family to me and the night reflected that. Thank You All! **DENIS**



Congratulations to JOSHUA MANUEL who, at 9.00am Mass this weekend will be fully initiated into the Church through celebrating the **SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST**. Joshua is son of Deepa and his Sponsor is Andrew Beiers. Joshua has been reflecting on his faith and what to do with his life and has responded to Jesus' call to follow Him in the midst of our community.



Congratulations to Ethan, Mackenzie, Manaia, Mokoia. Oliver, Riley, Sabrina & Theodore

who, at the Masses this weekend will be fully initiated into the Church through celebrating their First Communion! We the church thank their parents for their example and commitment to their children's faith.



"We welcomed 9 parishioners at the Parish Music Practice on 28 October 2023. Those attending were (L to R) Helen Royan, Sonya Mangano, Paul Cameron, Gerard Moore, Daniel Mathew, Mareena Mathew, Afa Taisia and Julia Taisia (and Michael Coe, the photographer). We learned two new hymns, "Be Thou My Vision" and "Praise All Creation", as well as practising most of the hymns to be sung this month. "Praise All Creation", composed by our own Louse Scott and the Our Lady Queen of Apostles School Sustainability Club, will be sung before Mass later this month, and at Mass in early December. At our next music practice, we will practise this again as well as a new country and western "God Song" and other music planned for Advent and the Christmas season. We encourage all parishioners who enjoy singing at our liturgies to come to our practice at 10am on Saturday, 25 November, in the Church." **Michael Coe**



Next Sunday's Readings 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 18-19 November

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 127:1-5

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come
like a thief in the night.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

*Because you have been faithful over a few
things, enter into the joy of the Lord.*



Vinnie's News

Well it's almost that time again for us to think about Christmas and the people we at Vinnie's look out for with your help.

We will be asking for festive food donations to be placed under the Christmas tree in the church once again.

Please ensure that the food items are within the use by date.

We will leave gift tags with some suggestions re food items in a cane basket at the back of the church when it gets closer.

Don't gift wrap the food items as we need to see what it is in order to put into hampers (which we have special Vinnie's bags for.)

A Woollies paper shopping bag will be ok.

You can leave your food items over the weekends of.....

25/26 November, 2/3 & 9/10 December

We are never disappointed by your

generosity each year. Many thanks and may God bless you all.



Congratulations to our SVDP Raffle Winners of

Scripture Posters- Calligraphy by Peter Taylor.

***Anna-mob. ending in 470* Pam-mob ending in O67**

Your posters are in Mary's Room, thank you :)

The Scripture Readings at Sunday Mass

The first document issued by the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, emphasised that "Sacred Scripture is of the greatest importance in the celebration of the liturgy".

In response, the Lectionary (the book containing the extracts from the Bible read at public worship) published soon after Vatican II provided a much greater range of readings from scripture than had been the case previously.

The Gospel readings for Sunday Masses were decided upon first. They are consecutive passages taken from the gospel allocated to each year in a three-year cycle called A, B and C. The Gospel of Matthew is read in Year A, Mark in Year B and Luke in Year C. The Gospel of John does not have its own year but is read every year on some Sundays of Lent, on Holy Thursday and Good Friday and during Easter.

The first reading for each Sunday of the three-year cycle was then selected. It is almost always taken from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and is chosen because it harmonises with the Gospel. In the Easter Season the first reading is from the Book of Acts which records the progress of the early Church, its witness and its growth.

The second reading comes from one of the New Testament letters (epistles), most often from Paul but also from Peter, John and James. It normally has no thematic relationship to either the first reading or the Gospel. The same epistle is read in a semi-continuous way over a number of Sundays.

What's on in the coming week at QoA parish?

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| Mon 13th | 8.30am | Mass |
| Tues 14th | 8.30am | Morning Prayer |
| Thu 16th | 8.30am | Mass |
| Fri 17th | 9.00am 10.30am | Mass Men's Group |
| Sat 18th | 4.00pm 5.00pm | Reconciliation 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Supper Anointing of the Sick |
| Sun 19th | 9.00am | 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Cuppa Anointing of the Sick; Baptism |

From: Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation (From the Center for Action and Contemplation)

Loving God through Creation

Creation spirituality is rooted, first of all, in nature, in experience, and in the world as it is. This rich Hebrew spirituality formed the mind, heart, and teaching of Jesus of Nazareth. —Richard Rohr

For all the great thoughts I have read / For all the deep books I have studied / None has brought me nearer to Spirit / Than a walk beneath shimmering leaves. —Steven Charleston

The creation narratives in Genesis, like many Indigenous creation narratives, encourage humans to see the wider created order as part of the same "family tree of the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 2:4). —Randy Woodley

If we truly believe that God surrounds us, we believe that prayer is an everyday experience of being alive.... When you step outside and engage with the world in quiet listening, prayer will happen, and it will take on its own way of being for you. —Kaitlin Curtice

For humans to make sense to ourselves, I think we're going to have to rediscover our kinship with the reptiles—and the fish, insects, birds, mammals, and palo santo trees—with which we share the world. —Brian McLaren

Daily cosmic events in the sky and on the earth are the Reality above our heads and beneath our feet every minute of our lives: a continuous sacrament. —Richard Rohr

"Take this, all of you, and drink from it."

During the early centuries, everybody received Communion under both kinds, that is, in the form of both bread and of wine.

This was the way Christ instituted the Eucharist. For various unfortunate reasons, the practice grew during the middle ages of lay people not receiving from the cup.

Although the Church teaches that Christ is truly present in either the consecrated bread or the wine, it also teaches that Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds.

When we take the cup, we take up the cross. Jesus asked James and John, "Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?"

Drinking from a common cup also signifies our life together in Christ and our commitment both to God and to one another, our commitment to being a community of justice, peace and love. How then can we pass by the cup of the covenant and ignore Christ's invitation to "Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood"?

For those concerned about hygiene, the transmission of a disease has never been traced to the shared communion cup. Chalices are firmly wiped with a clean purifier and rotated after each communicant and washed in hot water and detergent after each Mass. As a matter of common courtesy and hygiene, individuals with any illness or infection that might be contagious should not take the cup.



Photo Credit: Climate Changers

Caritas Australia, Catholic Earthcare, The Laudato Si' Circle Brisbane and Being With God In Nature invites you to an online screening of 'Climate Changers' on **Wednesday November 22nd** from 6pm NSW/VIC/TAS, 5:00pm QLD, 5:30pm SA, 4:30pm NT, 3pm WA.



ORDERS HAVE ARRIVED! Please get them from Mary's room:)

For those who haven't paid,
below is the
Link to Pay

***Advent
Resource (\$6),
*BOTW (\$32)
* Columban
calendar (\$10)**

[Book/
Calendar
Orders](#)

**Cash and Eftpos
Payments accepted**

Men's Group CUPPA

**Friday next week (18th Nov) 10.30am-12nn
Café 63, Stafford**



You are very welcome to bring along any of your mates (Catholic or not) and enjoy each others company plus a drink and something to eat.

*We are having our **Annual Christmas Lunch***

Friday, 15th December at 12 nn

Stafford Tavern in Webster road Stafford.

Please come and join us for a great meal and a few drinks to celebrate another great year of friendship.

Latte Ladies

We will be having our **Christmas** breakup lunch at **Hornets on Friday 15th December**, so please claim that date in your diaries. Further details will come later in the month.

Nametag November

We often know faces of regular church goers but may not be able to put a name to that face. At the Parish Summit in August the topic of name tags was high on the agenda. During this month of November there will be sign on sheets available at the church entrance. We invite you to sign on for a name tag. Just register your preferred name and surname and the mass you usually attend. We will then process your badge which will be available for pick each weekend mass during advent. We invite you to wear your badge at mass each weekend - just keep it in the car for easy retrieval.

It will also enable Fr Joe to learn names as he is welcomed to our parish in January.



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It's right that those who have made a mistake pay for their mistake, but it's even more right that those who have done wrong should be able to redeem oneself from their mistake.

POPE FRANCIS

**PRISON SUNDAY 2023
NOVEMBER 12**

catholic.au/s/article/Prison-Sunday

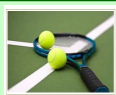


NOVEMBER is Month of Remembrance



The parish has a remembrance book which is placed in the chapel area for the month of November. You may add a loved one by writing the complete name and date of death on the sheet provided and they will be added in our parish

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE.



ONLINE TENNIS COURT BOOKING

FOR CASUAL HIRE Click link below:

www.tennisvenues.com.au/booking/stafford-parish-tennis-courts

or scan:



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Please contact the parish office for **PERMANENT BOOKINGS**.

You may have heard the exciting news that from 1 November 2023 we will be accepting glass wine and spirit bottles for a 10c refund. How good!



Stafford Parish Scheme ID:
C10195625



STAMPS FOR MARIST MISSIONS:

recent ones - used or unused, Australian or Overseas. They can be left in the specially marked wooden box to the left of the main Church entry. Thank you & God bless!



Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Office

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Parish Secretary: **Tisha King** Office Telephone: **3356 7155**

Office Hours: **Mon, Tues Fri: 9am-3pm**

QR code to access



site:



Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR):

Helen Royan - Email: lsr.stafford@bne.catholic.net.au

(Archdiocese Office for Safeguarding Services: 07 3324 3752)

STOPline Service: 1300 304 550 or

AOB@stopline.com.au

SAFEGUARDING INCIDENT REPORT FORMS may be accessed from the brochure table which is at the left front corner of the church.

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles School Contacts

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School Principal: **Troy Parsons**

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BAPTISMS

are celebrated at 10.30am on the **Third Sunday of each Month** (except during Lent and OCTOBER). For **BAPTISM BOOKINGS**, contact the Parish Office.

Further information on our website:

<https://bit.ly/3VHHQ62>



Our Parish PIETY Shop

has a large range of cards, religious icons, rosary beads and medallions. Below are samples of Confirmation & First Communion memorabilia.



Please call the Parish office 3356 7155 if you would like to have a look on a Monday, Tuesday or Friday or after week-end Masses and Fr Denis will open for you. Thank you.

OUR MISSION

We donate 50% of our profits to ensure everyone has access to clean water and a toilet within our lifetime

And with your help, we'll get there.



WE'VE DONATED OVER...

11,222,000 AUD

It's incredible! But we still have a long way to go.



Available at the parish office:

***Toilet paper roll; \$2 Paper Towel; \$3.5 Tissue:\$2**

ANointing OF THE SICK

If you are **going to the hospital unexpectedly** for an op OR develop a **serious illness**, let Fr Denis know and we can celebrate this Sacrament beforehand. Celebrations of this Sacrament are on the **THIRD WEEKEND** of each Month. You may add a **sick person's name** to the list by phoning the Parish Office (3356 7155).



NOTE: To keep our "unwell list" fresh, the last names will be removed. If their illness continues, let us know and we'll add them to the start of the list. Thank you.

Let Us Pray



We pray for those who are unwell:

Graeme Rosewarne, Edna Lindsay, Lyn & Jim Payne, Caitlyn Sheehan, Brian Scanlan, Wendy Roberts, Ed Taylor, Allan Gibney, Peter Caruso, Timothy Willson, Graham Taylor, Maria Pirrottina, Sam Fumera, Liz Martin, Margaret Alcock, Andrew Lofgren, Shaun & Carol Donaldson & Rachel Oxenham.

We pray for those recently deceased:

Mick Tanwan, Frank Hughes; Sr Anne Crowley RSC, Sr Patricia Heenan RSC, Lyn Payne, & Ron Taylor.

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Bienvenido Tolentino, Francesca Antonaglia, Domenico Antonaglia and Angelo Di Mauro and all our other deceased parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.



Weekend Masses are **streamed live on Zoom**. Click

[Link to Zoomed Stafford Weekend](#) **OR enter**

Meeting ID: **443 363 1440** and Passcode: *eucharist*

via the Zoom app.